

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing a cylindrical glass body [~~, in particular a quartz-glass body,~~] in a vertical drawing process, said method comprising a method step in which a glass blank is supplied to a heating zone, and softened therein zonewise, and a glass strand is drawn off using [~~by means of~~] a draw-off device at a controlled drawing speed from the softened area, said draw-off device comprising a first draw-off unit with rolling bodies rolling on said glass strand and being distributed around the circumference thereof, said rolling bodies including [~~being formed by~~] a reference rolling body and at least one auxiliary rolling body, the drawing speed being controlled via the speed of said reference rolling body, [~~characterized in that~~] a value of [~~for the~~] torque of said reference rolling body [~~(3) is~~] being determined in dependence upon the weight of the drawn-off glass strand [~~(5)~~], [~~and that~~] the determined value [ is ] being used as a setpoint torque for setting [~~the~~] a torque in said at least one auxiliary rolling body [ ~~(4; 7; 8)~~ ].
2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said torque in said at least one auxiliary rolling body [~~(4; 7; 8)~~] is set to said setpoint torque.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein [~~characterized in that a~~] the draw-off device [~~is used which~~] comprises at least one additional [~~second~~] draw-off unit [(2)] including a plurality of rolling bodies [(7; 8)].
4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said rolling bodies [(7; 8)] of said at least one additional [~~second~~] draw-off unit [(2)] are movable in a direction perpendicular to a [~~the~~] longitudinal axis [(15)] of said glass strand [(5)].
5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3 [~~or 4~~], wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said rolling bodies of said at least one additional [~~second~~] draw-off unit are used as auxiliary rolling bodies [(7; 8), ~~the~~] with a setpoint torque thereof being set with reference to the torque of said reference rolling body [(3)].
6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 [~~any one of the preceding claims~~], wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said rolling bodies [(3; 4; 7; 8)] are pressed with an adjustable contact pressure force [(34)] against said glass strand [(5)].
7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said contact pressure force [(34)] is set dependent [~~in dependence~~] upon the weight of

the drawn-off glass strand [(5)].

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3 [~~and any one of claims 6 or 7~~], **wherein said rolling bodies are pressed with an adjustable contact pressure force against said glass strand; and** **wherein** [~~characterized in that~~], when a predetermined maximum contact pressure force is exceeded in said rolling bodies [(3; 4)] of said first draw-off unit [(1)], said rolling bodies [(7; 8)] of said second draw-off unit [(2)] are additionally brought into engagement with said glass strand [(5)], or said contact pressure force is increased in **the** rolling bodies of said second draw-off unit that are in engagement with said glass strand.
9. (currently amended) The method according to **claim 7** [~~any one of claims 7 or 8~~], **wherein** [~~characterized in that the control of~~] said contact pressure force [(14)] **is controlled by structure that** comprises a damping member [(21)].
10. (currently amended) The method according to **claim 1** [~~any one of the preceding claims~~], **wherein** [~~characterized in that~~] **the** rolling bodies [(3; 4; 7; 8)] ~~are used with~~ **have** a roll surface [(9)] having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5.
11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, **wherein** [~~characterized in that~~] said roll surface [(9)] contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.

12. (currently amended) An apparatus for producing a cylindrical glass body [ ~~in particular a quartz glass body~~ ], in a vertical drawing process, said apparatus comprising:

an annular heating element for heating and softening a glass blank, [~~comprising~~]

a draw-off device including a frame which holds thereon a first draw-off unit with rolling bodies rolling on [~~said~~] a glass strand drawn off from the glass blank at a drawing speed and being distributed around [~~the~~] a circumference of said glass strand [thereof],

said rolling bodies including [~~being formed by~~] a reference rolling body and at least one auxiliary rolling body, said reference rolling body being connected to a speed control [~~for~~] setting the drawing speed, [~~characterized in that there is provided a means (13) for determining the~~], and

a torque determiner determining a torque of the reference rolling body during rolling of said reference rolling body [(3)], and [~~a means (14) for setting the~~]

a torque adjuster that sets a torque in said at least one auxiliary rolling body [(4; 7; 8)] to a setpoint torque derived from said determined torque of the reference rolling

body.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein ~~[characterized in that]~~ said draw-off device comprises at least one additional ~~[second]~~ draw-off unit [(2)] comprising a plurality of rolling bodies [(7; 8)].
14. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~[characterized in that]~~ said additional ~~[second]~~ draw-off unit [(2)] is held in said frame, and ~~[that]~~ said rolling bodies [(7; 8)] of said at least one additional ~~[second]~~ draw-off unit [(2)] are movably held on said frame in a direction perpendicular to a ~~[the]~~ longitudinal axis [(15)] of said glass strand [(5)].
15. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 13 ~~[or 14]~~, wherein ~~[characterized in that]~~ said rolling bodies [(7; 8)] of said additional ~~[second]~~ draw-off unit [(2)] are connected to a means [(14)] for setting said torque.
16. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 ~~[any one of claims 12 to 15]~~, wherein ~~[characterized in that there is provided]~~ a contact pressure force control unit [(25; 37; 38) ~~by means of which~~] presses said rolling bodies [(3; 4; 7; 8) ~~are pressed~~] with an adjustable contact pressure force [(34)] against said glass strand [(5)].

17. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein ~~[characterized in that]~~ said contact pressure force control unit ~~[(25; 37; 38)]~~ comprises a damping member ~~[(21)]~~.
18. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 12 ~~[any one of claims 12 to 17]~~, wherein ~~[characterized in that there is provided]~~ a pivot device supports ~~[by means of which]~~ said frame to be ~~[is]~~ pivotable about a tilt angle relative to ~~[the]~~ vertical.
19. (currently amended) An apparatus for producing a cylindrical glass body ~~[, in particular a quartz glass body,]~~ in a vertical drawing process, said apparatus comprising:
- an annular heating element for heating and softening a glass blank, ~~[comprising]~~
- a draw-off device including a frame which holds thereon a first draw-off unit with rolling bodies rolling on ~~[said]~~ a glass strand drawn off from the glass blank at a drawing speed and being distributed around ~~[the]~~ a circumference of said glass strand ~~[thereof]~~,
- said rolling bodies including ~~[being formed by]~~ a reference rolling body and at least one auxiliary rolling body, said reference rolling body being connected to a speed

control for setting the drawing speed, [~~characterized in that~~] said rolling bodies [~~(3; 4; 7; 8) are provided with~~] having a roll surface having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5

20. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein [~~characterized in that~~] said roll surface [~~(9)~~] contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.
21. (new) The method according to claim 3, wherein the rolling bodies have a roll surface having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5.
22. (new) The method according to claim 21, wherein said roll surface contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.
23. (new) The method according to claim 5, wherein the rolling bodies have a roll surface having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5.
24. (new) The method according to claim 23, wherein said roll surface contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.
25. (new) The method according to claim 6, wherein the rolling bodies have a roll surface having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5.

26. (new) The method according to claim 25, wherein said roll surface contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.
27. (new) The method according to claim 8, wherein the rolling bodies have a roll surface having a coefficient of friction in the range of from 0.2 to 0.5.
28. (new) The method according to claim 27, wherein said roll surface contains asbestos, asbestos substitutes or SiC.